



# Web Enabled Safety System



## *User's Guide*

# WESS-DS Disconnected System



# What is WESS-DS?

WESS-DS is a “Stand-alone” PC-based version of the Web Enabled Safety System, designed and built to run in either Microsoft Access 97 or 2000. WESS-DS provides a means to maintain mishap logs and reports remotely and submit data via email.

It is intended to assist Afloat Commands and Field Tactical, Combat or Deployed Units for whom Internet access is difficult, unreliable or unavailable.

The WESS-DS Disconnected System is designed to provide an “Off-line”, PC-based means to enter and submit mishap reports in accordance with OPNAVINST 5102.1D. It also provides the means to maintain Injury and Illness Logs. Reports and Logs are capable of being printed in hard copy, saved electronically & submitted to the Naval Safety Center & others via email.



# Getting Started / Installing WESS-DS



The WESS-DS CD-ROM is available on request, either at the time of initial account setup or it may be requested at any time by using the WESS Help Request Form. The form is available at the following web site: <https://wess.safetycenter.navy.mil>

**README First.txt** – The WESS-DS CD-ROM offers a README file providing more detailed installation instructions and other information. Open the file titled “README First.txt” file in Word or WordPad.

Create a folder on the PC hard drive, e.g. D:/WESS-DS, where “D” is any drive letter. Copy the file contents from the CD-ROM into this directory.

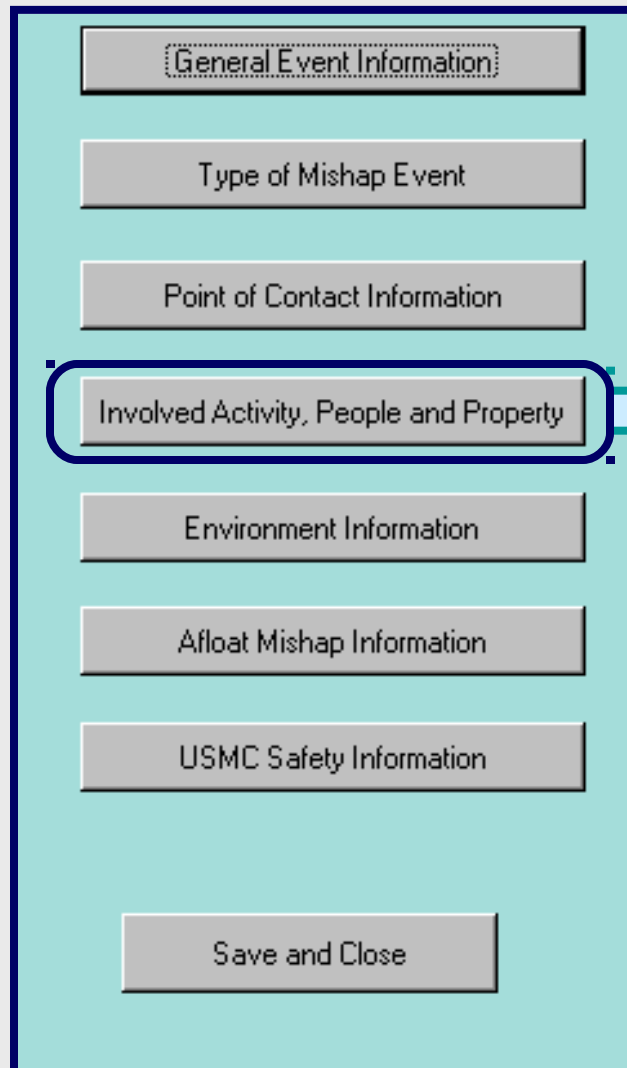
The database file, WESS-DS 2K.mdb runs in MS Access 2000 and the file WESS-DS 97.mdb runs in Access 97. There is a folder also created into which WESS DS automatically saves finished Mishap Reports. Right click the file name to create a shortcut on the desktop to open the selected database.



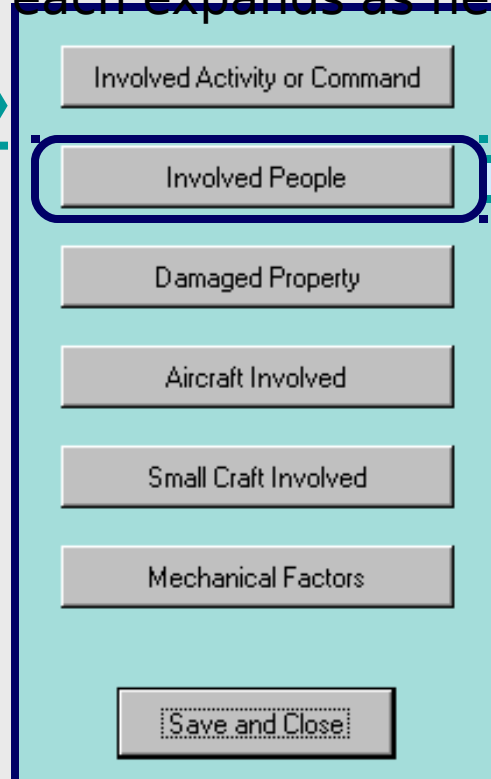
Additional information or assistance is available at the web site above

# The WESS-DS User Environment

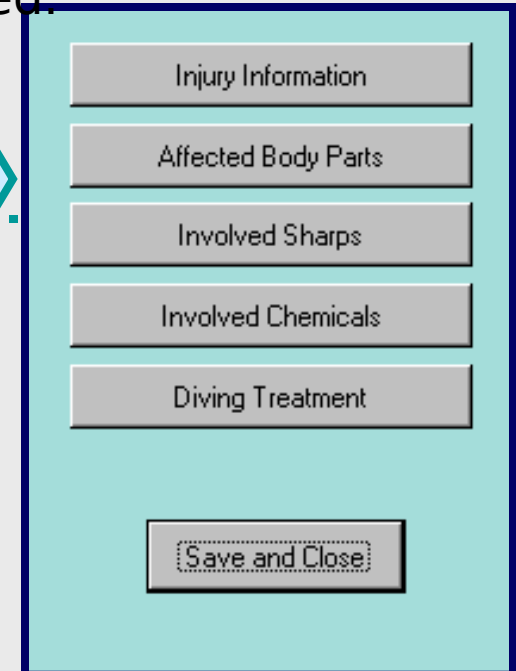
**Sample Report Directory** – The frame at left is the Main Report Directory. The major section of the report opens a sub-directory. In this sample, the screens involved with entering injured person data are shown. This allows direct access to any data section of the report & each expands as needed.



A vertical stack of buttons on a light blue background. The buttons are: 'General Event Information' (with a dashed border), 'Type of Mishap Event', 'Point of Contact Information', 'Involved Activity, People and Property' (highlighted with a thick blue border and a blue arrow pointing right), 'Environment Information', 'Afloat Mishap Information', 'USMC Safety Information', and 'Save and Close'.



A vertical stack of buttons on a light blue background. The buttons are: 'Involved Activity or Command', 'Involved People' (highlighted with a thick blue border and a blue arrow pointing right), 'Damaged Property', 'Aircraft Involved', 'Small Craft Involved', 'Mechanical Factors', and 'Save and Close' (with a dashed border).



A vertical stack of buttons on a light blue background. The buttons are: 'Injury Information', 'Affected Body Parts', 'Involved Sharps', 'Involved Chemicals', 'Diving Treatment', and 'Save and Close' (with a dashed border).



# WESS-DS Multiple-Entry Features

- ☑ In some mishap events there may be multiple people and pieces of equipment involved, perhaps from different activities, at different locations, and a variety of circumstances.
  - Customers will be asked for the unit identification code - UIC, RUC, or MCC - of each POC, person or involved activity.
  - This ensures all aspects of a complex mishap event are captured.
  - With that level of detail we can account for one mishap event yet pull data on each involved person, property and activity.
- ☑ E.g., a ship hits the pier damaging the ship, a torpedo on a pallet drops from the ship onto the pier, it damages a government and private motor vehicle and injures a civilian worker and a contractor.....



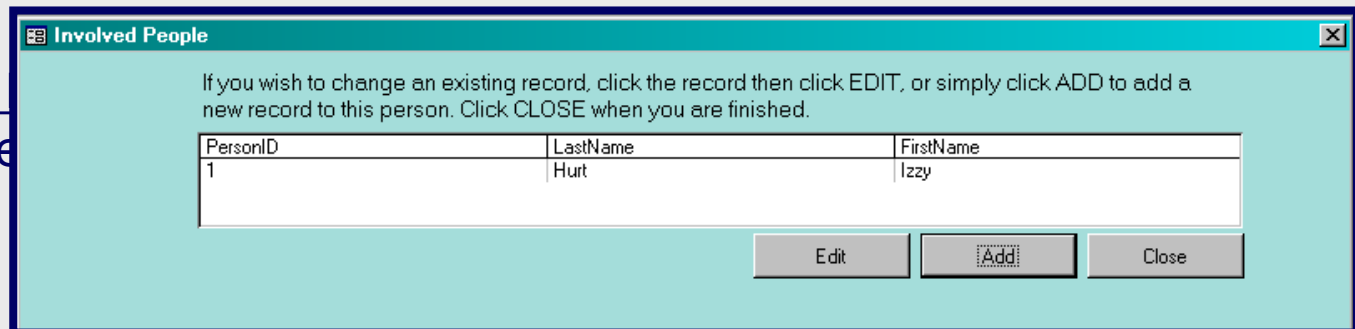
# Data Entry Devices

☐ **Radio Buttons** are used when selecting from a list of properties that are mutually exclusive. Only one item can be selected from the list.

☒ **Check Boxes** are often used when selecting from a list of properties that are NOT mutually exclusive. Always check all that apply.

**Drop-Down Menus** are used when selecting from a long list of items to ensure consistent, retrievable data. Click the Down Arrow and a menu opens. Scroll down the list or type in the first letter until the proper entry is located. Highlight your selection, and Click. The menu will disappear and your selection will display in the field.

+/- Add /  
per  
mishap.



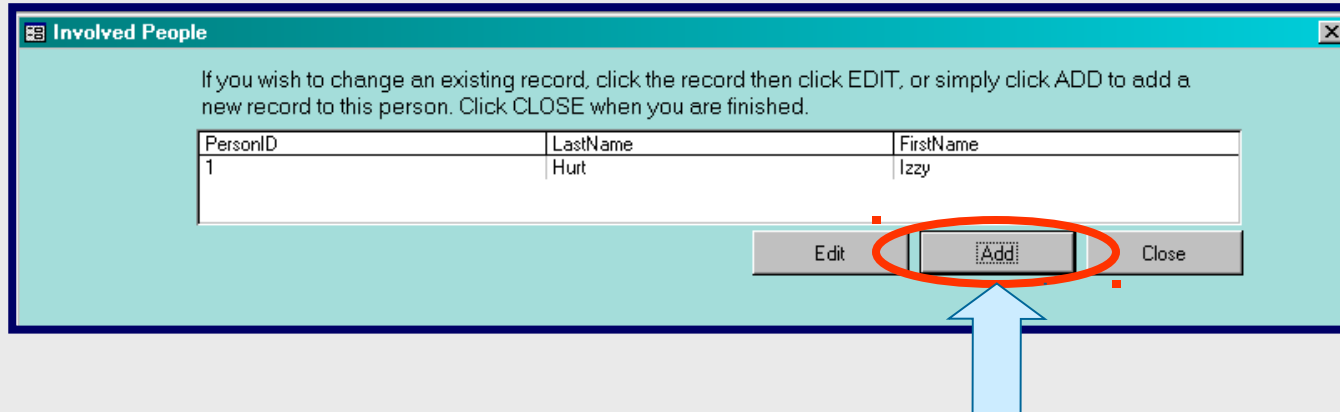
The screenshot shows a window titled "Involved People" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Inside the window, there is instructional text: "If you wish to change an existing record, click the record then click EDIT, or simply click ADD to add a new record to this person. Click CLOSE when you are finished." Below the text is a table with three columns: "PersonID", "LastName", and "FirstName". The table contains one row with the values "1", "Hurt", and "Izzy". At the bottom of the window, there are three buttons: "Edit", "Add", and "Close". A large green arrow points from the text "+/- Add / per mishap." to the "Add" button.

PersonID	LastName	FirstName
1	Hurt	Izzy

Edit Add Close



# “Add / Edit” Functions



Involved People

If you wish to change an existing record, click the record then click EDIT, or simply click ADD to add a new record to this person. Click CLOSE when you are finished.

PersonID	LastName	FirstName
1	Hurt	Izzy

Edit Add Close

At left, A Typical “**Add/Edit**” Screen is Shown. For example, to add a second injured person to this event

Click the “**Add**” Button. A new Involved Person – General Information screen will immediately appear.

To **Edit** an entry, Highlight the entry you wish to change and Click the “Edit” Button. Again, a Personnel General Information screen will display.

When finished, click the “Close” button to return to the main report directory.

Now that we have briefly covered the techniques of data entry, let’s look at actual samples of the WESS-DS System screens that you will see during use....



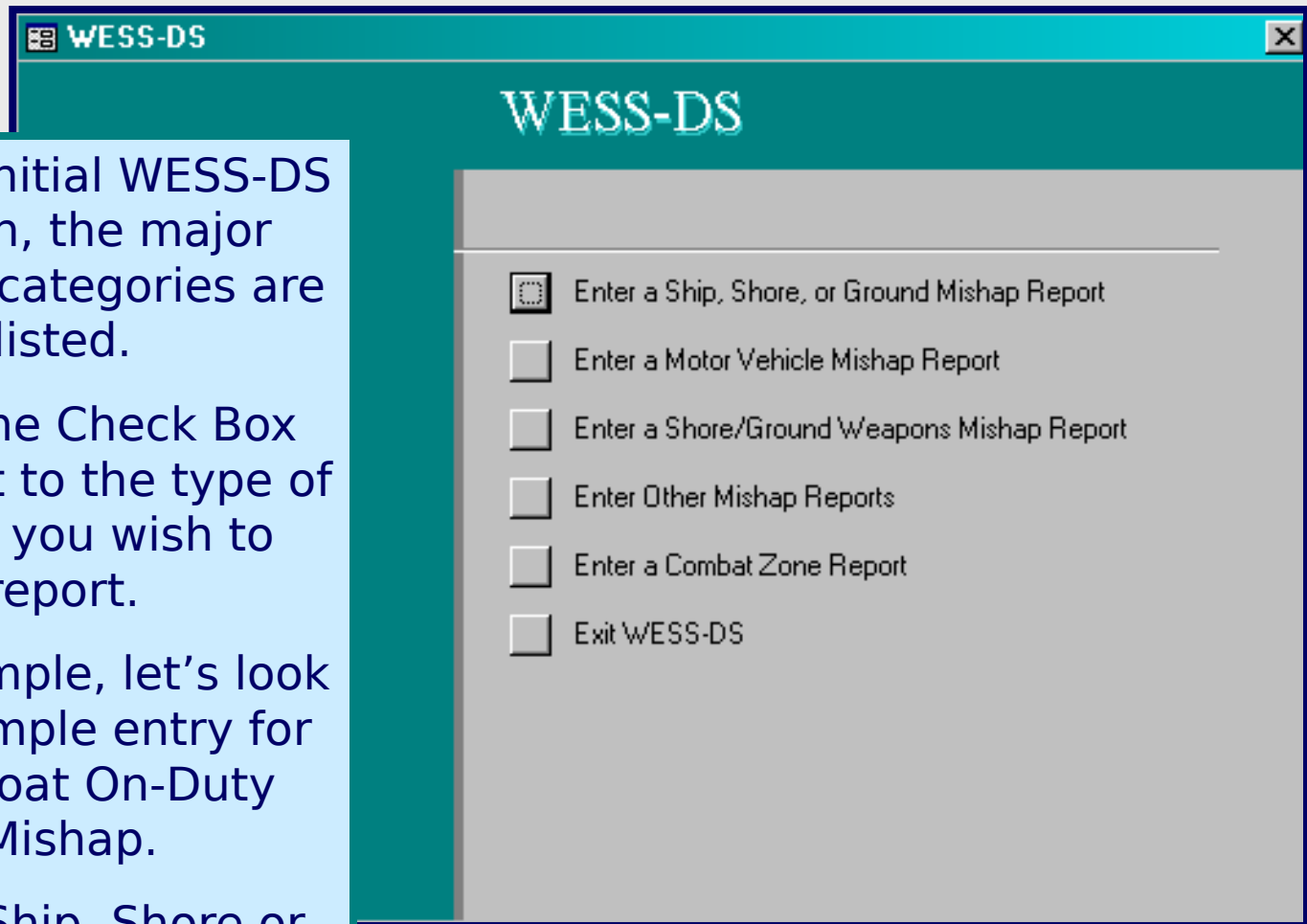
# WESS-DS Initial Entry Screen

On the initial WESS-DS screen, the major mishap categories are listed.

Click the Check Box adjacent to the type of Event you wish to report.

For example, let's look at a sample entry for an Afloat On-Duty Mishap.

Click "Ship, Shore or Ground Mishap Report".



The screenshot shows a window titled "WESS-DS" with a teal header bar. Below the header, the text "WESS-DS" is displayed in a large, light blue font. A list of six options is presented, each with a checkbox on the left and a label on the right. The first option, "Enter a Ship, Shore, or Ground Mishap Report", has its checkbox checked. The other five options have unchecked checkboxes. The options are: "Enter a Ship, Shore, or Ground Mishap Report", "Enter a Motor Vehicle Mishap Report", "Enter a Shore/Ground Weapons Mishap Report", "Enter Other Mishap Reports", "Enter a Combat Zone Report", and "Exit WESS-DS".

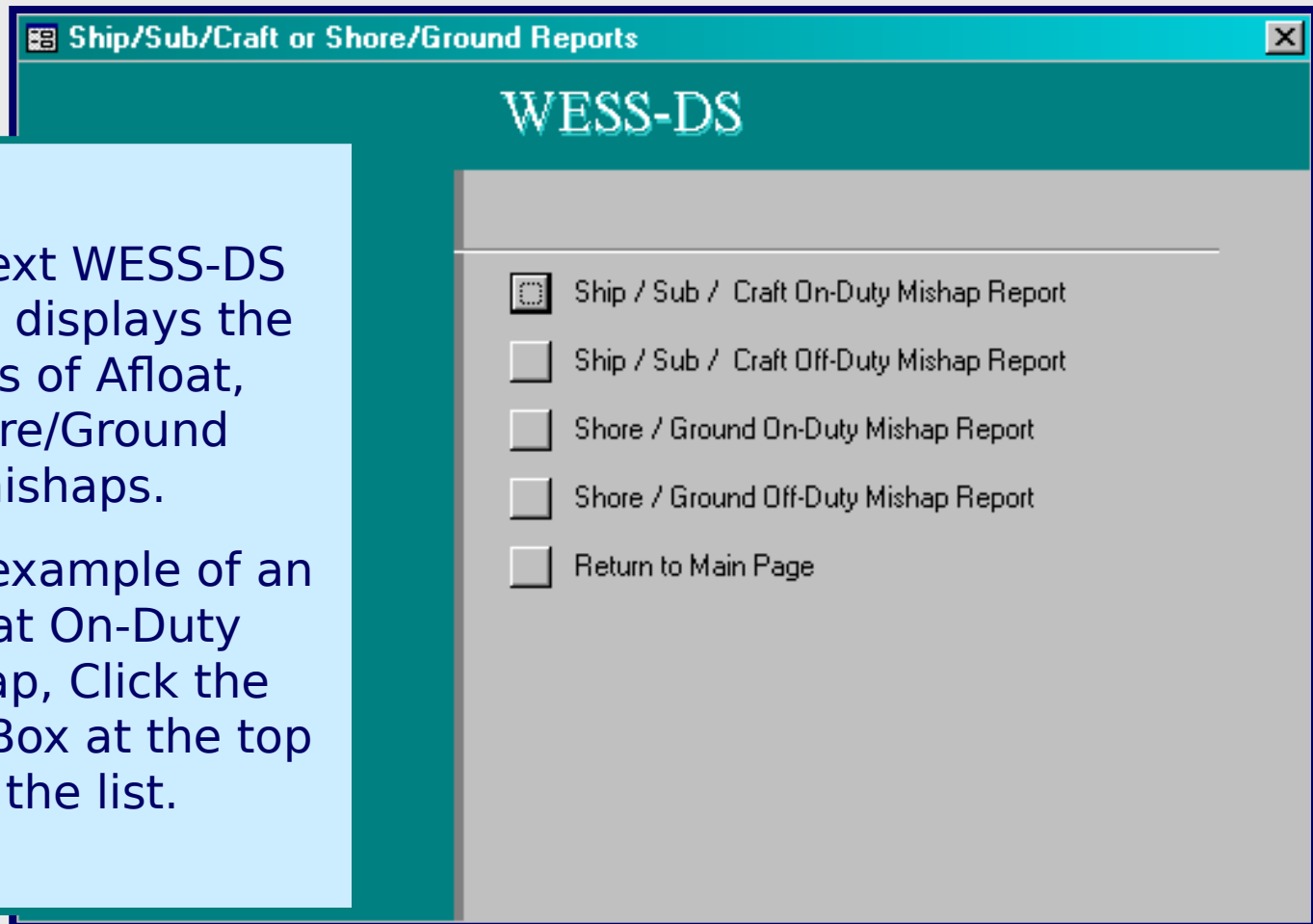
Check Box	Event Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enter a Ship, Shore, or Ground Mishap Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter a Motor Vehicle Mishap Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter a Shore/Ground Weapons Mishap Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter Other Mishap Reports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter a Combat Zone Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exit WESS-DS



# Ship, Shore or Ground Mishap Types

The next WESS-DS screen displays the types of Afloat, Shore/Ground mishaps.

In this example of an Afloat On-Duty mishap, Click the Check Box at the top of the list.



Ship/Sub/Craft or Shore/Ground Reports

WESS-DS

- ☒ Ship / Sub / Craft On-Duty Mishap Report
- ☐ Ship / Sub / Craft Off-Duty Mishap Report
- ☐ Shore / Ground On-Duty Mishap Report
- ☐ Shore / Ground Off-Duty Mishap Report
- ☐ Return to Main Page

# Report Table of Contents

Based on the Mishap Category selected, WESS will display a **Report Table of Contents**.

The Table of Contents will vary depending on the kind of event being reported.

In this example, let's look at a non-ordnance related event. Click the Check Box adjacent to **General Event Information**.

Report Table of Contents

Select the section of the report to edit. ONLY complete the sections directly related to this incident.

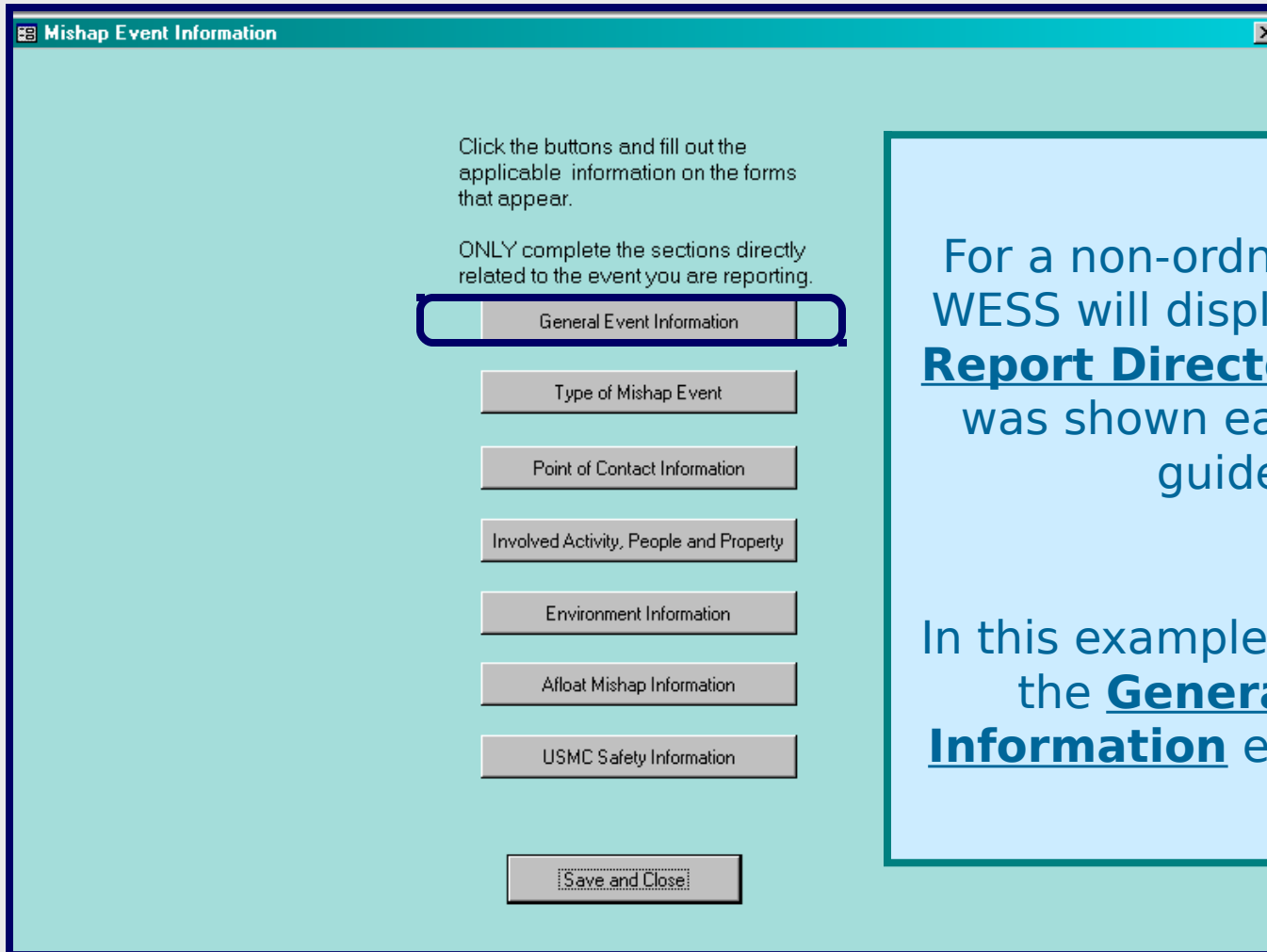
When your report is complete, select "Submit Report" to send this report to COMNAVSAFECEN. To exit without submitting, select "Save and Quit".

☒ General Event Information

☐ Ordnance Information

Save and Quit Submit Report

# Mishap Event Information



Mishap Event Information

Click the buttons and fill out the applicable information on the forms that appear.

ONLY complete the sections directly related to the event you are reporting.

General Event Information

Type of Mishap Event

Point of Contact Information

Involved Activity, People and Property

Environment Information

Afloat Mishap Information

USMC Safety Information

Save and Close

For a non-ordnance event, WESS will display the Main **Report Directory** Tree that was shown earlier in this guide.

In this example, let's look at the **General Event Information** entry screen.



# Event General Information

**Event Information - Complete All Applicable Fields**

EventID  Event Date And Time \*  Ex: MM/DD/YY HH:MM

Local Serial Number \*  Reporting UIC \*

Event is a Motor Vehicle Mishap ☒ Select for Yes

MV Mishap Type  Report Type \*  Mission Days Lost

BriefNarrative \*

Safety Inspection ID  Event Occurred During DOD Operation? ☒ Select for Yes

DOD Cost  NonDOD Property

Event Narrative / Lessons Learned / Recommendations \*

\* = required field

In this example, the **General Event Information** entry screen shown is typical of all WESS-DS entry screens.

Complete all applicable fields. An asterisk indicates mandatory data.

When entry is complete, always Click OK to return to the directory tree.



# Mishap Type

Click the buttons and fill out the applicable information on the forms that appear.

ONLY complete the sections directly related to the event you are reporting.

General Event Information

Type of Mishap Event

Point of Contact Information

Involved Activity, People and Property

Environment Information

Afloat Mishap Information

USMC Safety Information

Save and Close

In this example, select the **Mishap Type** from the drop-down menu. Click OK to return to the directory.

Mishap Type Information - Complete All Applicable Fields

Mishap Type ID	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Event ID	<input type="text" value="2"/>
Mishap Type	<input type="text" value="ELECTRICAL - SHOCKS/BURNS"/>

Cancel OK

As in this example, note that there are occasional ID numbers that WESS assigns automatically that are not allowed to be changed. These are internal tools the system uses to manage multiple people, link record sections together, etc.



# User Point of Contact Information

Click the buttons and fill out the applicable information on the forms that appear.

ONLY complete the sections directly related to the event you are reporting.

General Event Information

Type of Mishap Event

Point of Contact Information

Involved Activity, People and Property

Environment Information

Afloat Mishap Information

USMC Safety Information

Save and Close

Click the Point of Contact button to enter information about yourself. Click OK.

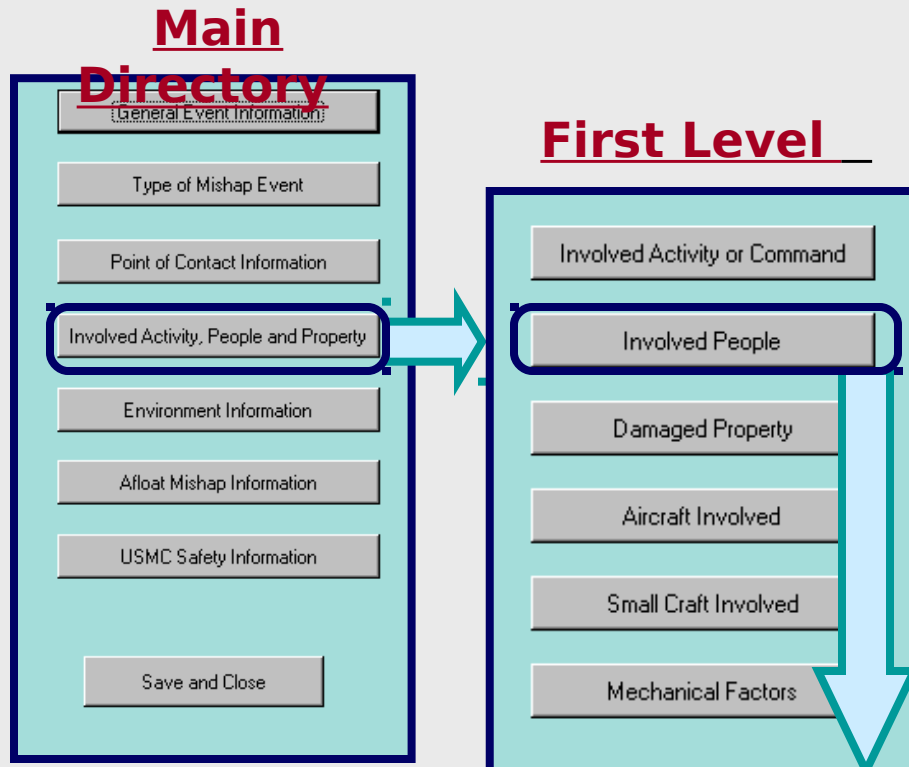
Point of Contact Information - Complete All Applicable Fields

Event ID	2	UIC	99999
Last Name	Safe	Email	willy.b.safe@navy.r
First Name	Willy	Primary Phone	999-555-1234
MI	B	Secondary Phone	
Rank/Rate/Grade	LTJG	DSN Prefix	555

Cancel OK



# Entering People Involved in the Event



Clicking each major section of the report opens a sub-directory. In this sample, the process for entering injured person data is shown.

Clicking **Involved People** at left, opens an Add/Edit screen, as discussed earlier. Click the **Add** box to enter Person 1.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Involved People". It contains a text box with instructions: "If you wish to change an existing record, click the record then click EDIT, or simply click ADD to add a new record to this person. Click CLOSE when you are finished." Below the text box is a table with three columns: PersonID, LastName, and FirstName. The table is currently empty. At the bottom of the window, there are three buttons: Edit, Add (highlighted with a red circle), and Close.



# Person Involved Information

**Individual Person Information - Complete All Applicable Fields**

Person ID	1	First Name*	Izzy	Height (in)	72
Parent UIC*	99999	MI		Weight (Lbs)	175
Badge Num		Last Name*	Hurt	Marital Status	SINGLE
SSN	123-45-6789	Gender*	MALE	Number of Dependents	0
		Date of Birth*	1/1/1980	Ex: MM/DD/YY	

Service Branch	NAVY	USN Officer Designator	
Service Status*	ACTIVE	USN Officer Billet Code	
On or Off Duty	ON DUTY	USN Enlisted Rating	BM
Military Type	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enlisted <input type="radio"/> Officer <input type="radio"/> N/A	USN EnlistedCode:	
Special Category		USMC Occupational Specialty	
Person Type:	ENLISTED NON-AIRCREW	Civilian Series	
		Pay Grade	
		Shift	
		Civilian Job Title:	
		Job Engaged In*	Electrical Installation/Repair
		ExperienceOnTheJob	Days Months Years 6
		Injury Severity*	ONE OR MORE LOST WORK DAYS
		Transfer UIC	

\* = Required Fields

Cancel OK

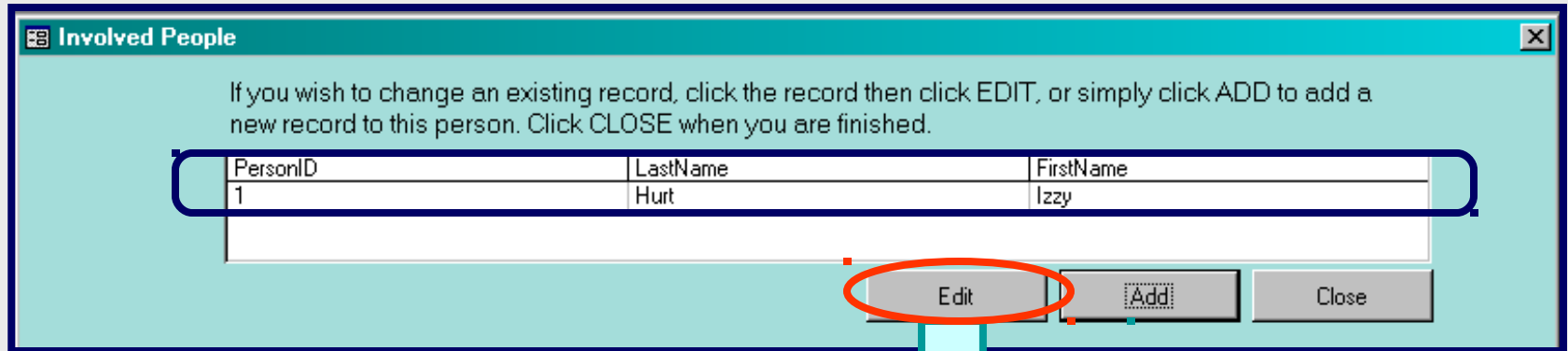
The Add function opens the **“Individual Person Involved”** screen.

Unlike the on-line WESS version, the data screens do not “drill down” to the data specific to the mishap of interest. All possible elements will display. Data screens may be entered in any order.

Enter all data elements that apply to the event.  
Click “OK” to return to the **Add/Edit** screen.



# Person-Specific Injury Information



Involved People

If you wish to change an existing record, click the record then click EDIT, or simply click ADD to add a new record to this person. Click CLOSE when you are finished.

PersonID	LastName	FirstName
1	Hurt	Izzy

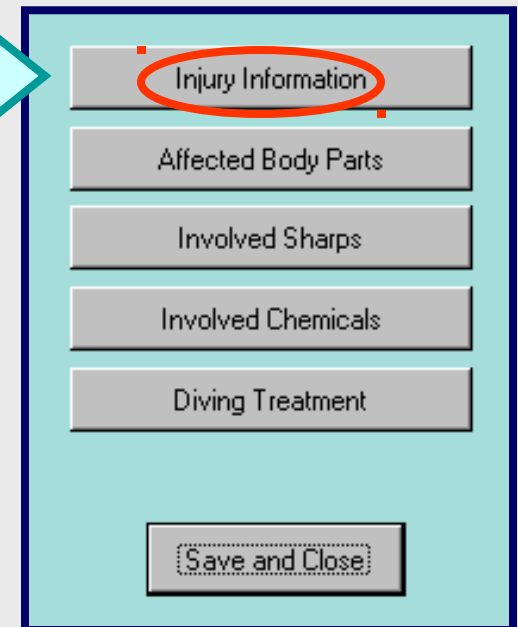
Buttons: Edit, Add, Close

The 'Edit' button is circled in red, and a large blue arrow points from it to the 'Injury Information' button in the adjacent window.

In the **Add/Edit** screen above, there is now an entry for Person 1, Mr. “Izzy Hurt”. As with all Add/Edit screens, to modify any record listed, it must first be highlighted.

To enter the Injury Information applicable to Mr. Hurt, click to highlight **Person 1** above and Click “**Edit**”. The Injury data menu at right is displayed.

For example, Click the **Injury Information** box.



Injury Information

Affected Body Parts

Involved Sharps

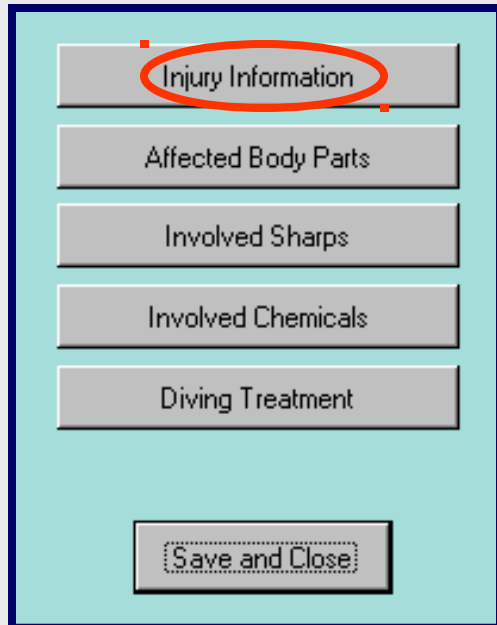
Involved Chemicals

Diving Treatment

Save and Close

The 'Injury Information' button is circled in red.

# Type of Injury



Injury Information

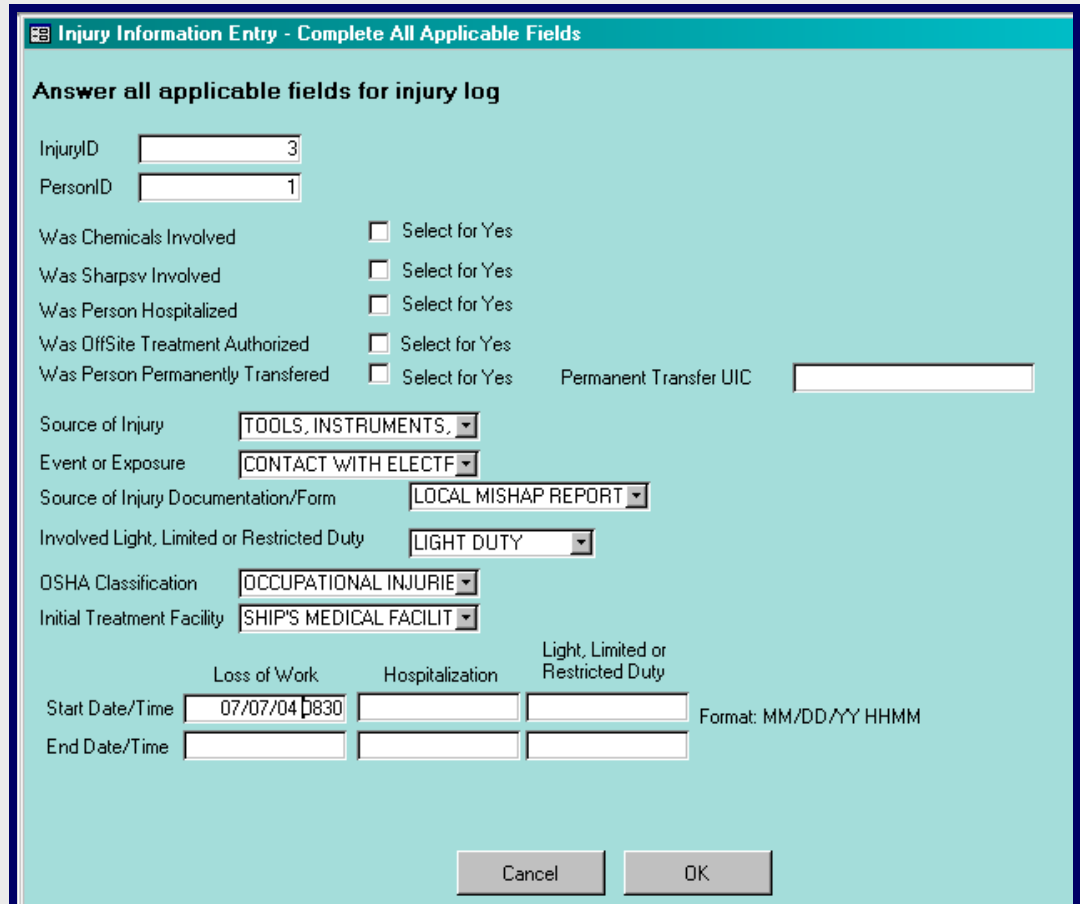
Affected Body Parts

Involved Sharps

Involved Chemicals

Diving Treatment

Save and Close



**Injury Information Entry - Complete All Applicable Fields**

Answer all applicable fields for injury log

InjuryID

PersonID

Was Chemicals Involved ☐ Select for Yes

Was Sharps Involved ☐ Select for Yes

Was Person Hospitalized ☐ Select for Yes

Was OffSite Treatment Authorized ☐ Select for Yes

Was Person Permanently Transferred ☐ Select for Yes

Permanent Transfer UIC

Source of Injury

Event or Exposure

Source of Injury Documentation/Form

Involved Light, Limited or Restricted Duty

OSHA Classification

Initial Treatment Facility

	Loss of Work	Hospitalization	Light, Limited or Restricted Duty
Start Date/Time	<input type="text" value="07/07/04 0830"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
End Date/Time	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Format: MM/DD/YY HHMM

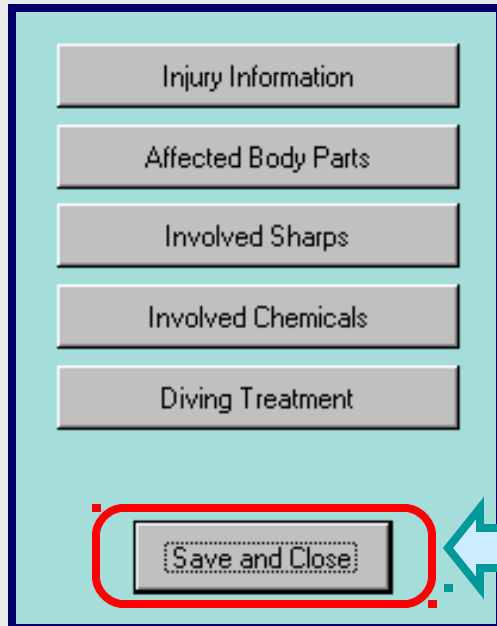
Cancel OK

The **Injury Information** screen at right is displayed.

Enter all the data elements that apply.

When complete, Click "OK" to return to the screen above.

# Completing a WESS-DS Report



Injury Information

Affected Body Parts

Involved Sharps

Involved Chemicals

Diving Treatment

Save and Close


When all of the applicable data elements have been entered in any section of the WESS-DS report, Click the “**Save and Close**” box that is always located at the bottom of the menu screen.

E.g., Clicking the box at left, returns the viewer to the Injured person screen discussed earlier, or back one level.

On the **Main Directory Tree** at right, clicking the Save and Close box, again returns back one level to the Report Table of Contents.  
It is there that the final report can be submitted.

Click the buttons and fill out the applicable information on the forms that appear.

ONLY complete the sections directly related to the event you are reporting.



General Event Information

Type of Mishap Event

Point of Contact Information

Involved Activity, People and Property

Environment Information

Afloat Mishap Information

USMC Safety Information

Save and Close



# WESS-DS Completed Report Options

**Report Table of Contents**

Select the section of the report to edit. ONLY complete the sections directly related to this incident.

When your report is complete, select "Submit Report" to send this report to COMNAVSAFECEN. To exit without submitting, select "Save and Quit".

☒ General Event Information

☐ Ordnance Information

Back at the **Report Table of Contents**, the customer may **"Save and Close"** a partial or completed report. It is saved and named automatically using the event serial number. A partial report can be reopened later for additional data entry.

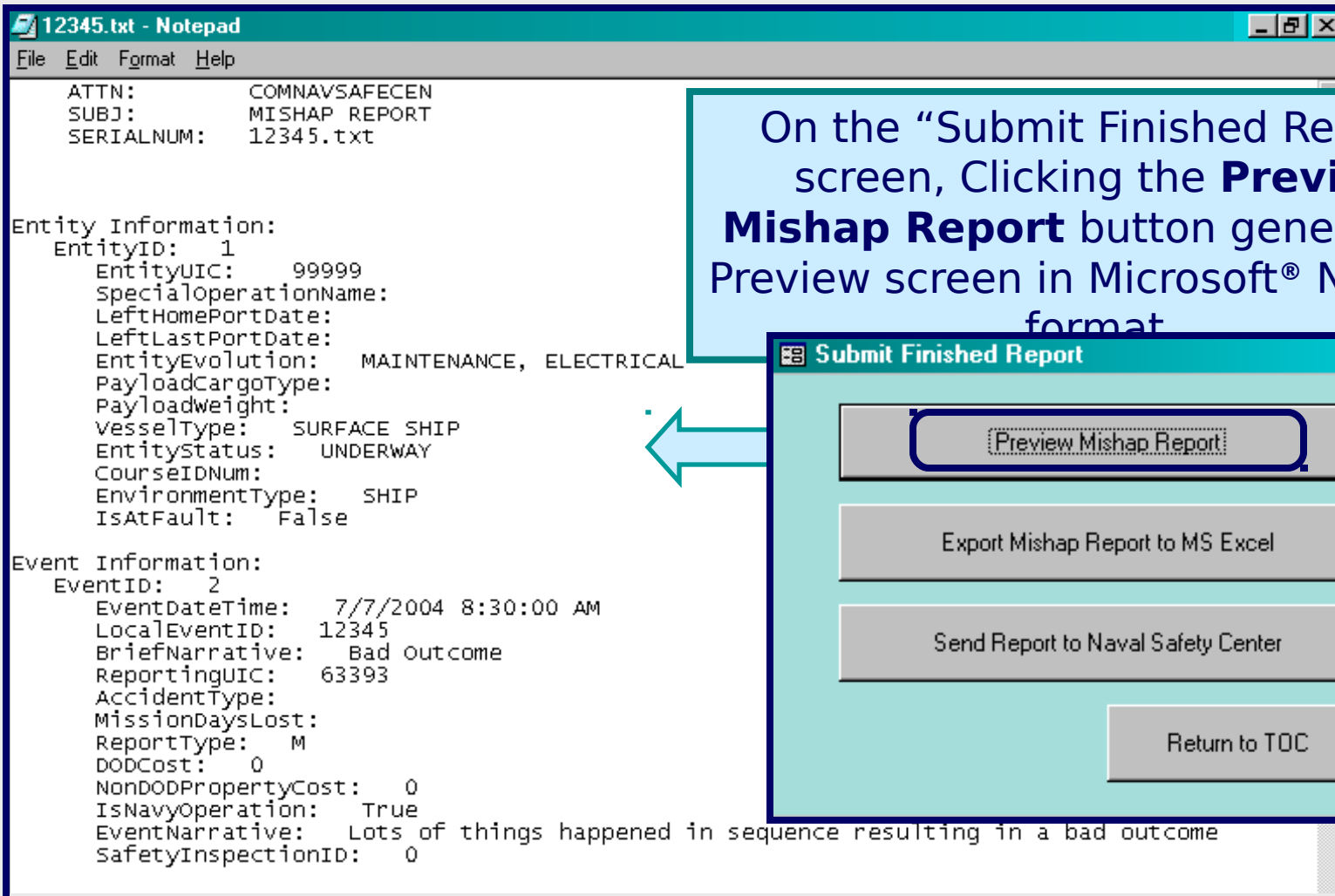
For purposes of this User Guide, the previous demonstration screens should provide a basis for understanding and navigating the WESS-DS system. All entry screens use similar procedures.

Let's look at the available Options once the mishap report is completed. To access these options, Click the **"Submit Report"** box located at the bottom of the Report Table of Contents.

This opens the Submit Finished Report menu shown on the next slide.



# WESS-DS Report Options - Preview



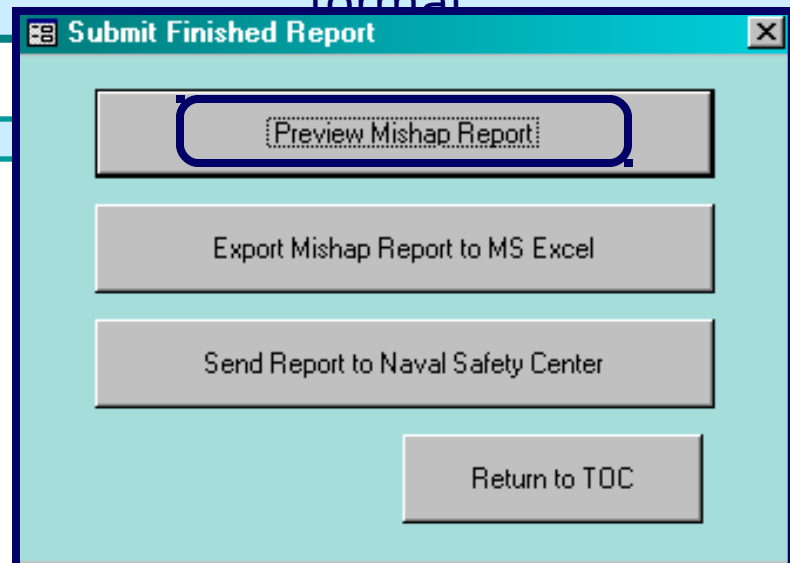
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12345.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format Help

ATTN:      COMNAVSAFECEN
SUBJ:      MISHAP REPORT
SERIALNUM: 12345.txt

Entity Information:
  EntityID: 1
  EntityUIC: 99999
  SpecialOperationName:
  LeftHomePortDate:
  LeftLastPortDate:
  EntityEvolution: MAINTENANCE, ELECTRICAL
  PayloadCargoType:
  PayloadWeight:
  VesselType: SURFACE SHIP
  EntityStatus: UNDERWAY
  CourseIDNum:
  EnvironmentType: SHIP
  IsAtFault: False

Event Information:
  EventID: 2
  EventDateTime: 7/7/2004 8:30:00 AM
  LocalEventID: 12345
  BriefNarrative: Bad outcome
  ReportingUIC: 63393
  AccidentType:
  MissionDaysLost:
  ReportType: M
  DODCost: 0
  NonDODPropertyCost: 0
  IsNavyoperation: True
  EventNarrative: Lots of things happened in sequence resulting in a bad outcome
  SafetyInspectionID: 0
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On the “Submit Finished Report” screen, Clicking the **Preview Mishap Report** button generates a Preview screen in Microsoft® Notepad format



Submit Finished Report

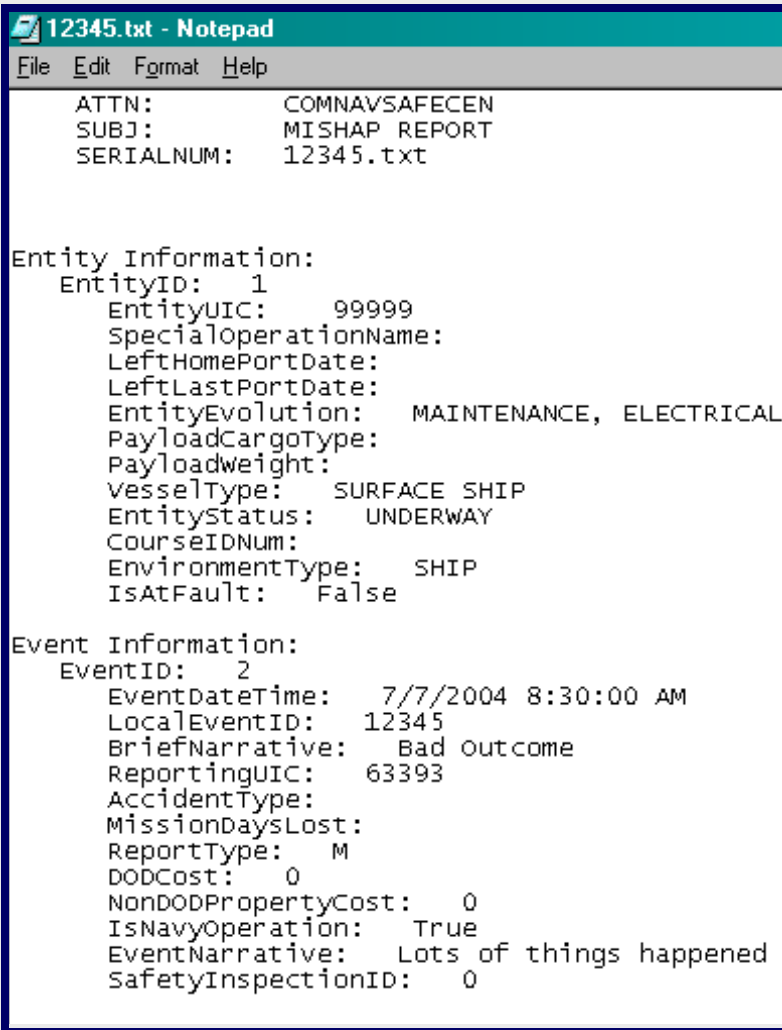
Preview Mishap Report

Export Mishap Report to MS Excel

Send Report to Naval Safety Center

Return to TOC

# Sample WESS-DS Report Preview



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12345.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format Help

ATTN:      COMNAVSAFECEN
SUBJ:      MISHAP REPORT
SERIALNUM: 12345.txt

Entity Information:
  EntityID: 1
  EntityUIC: 99999
  SpecialOperationName:
  LeftHomePortDate:
  LeftLastPortDate:
  EntityEvolution:  MAINTENANCE, ELECTRICAL
  PayloadCargoType:
  PayloadWeight:
  VesselType:  SURFACE SHIP
  EntityStatus:  UNDERWAY
  CourseIDNum:
  EnvironmentType:  SHIP
  IsAtFault:  False

Event Information:
  EventID: 2
  EventDateTime:  7/7/2004 8:30:00 AM
  LocalEventID:  12345
  BriefNarrative:  Bad Outcome
  ReportingUIC:  63393
  AccidentType:
  MissionDaysLost:
  ReportType:  M
  DODCost:  0
  NonDODPropertyCost:  0
  IsNavyoperation:  True
  EventNarrative:  Lots of things happened
  SafetyInspectionID:  0
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The **Preview Mishap** screen in Microsoft® Notepad format allows the Customer to review the data entered into the report and verify that it's accurate and complete.

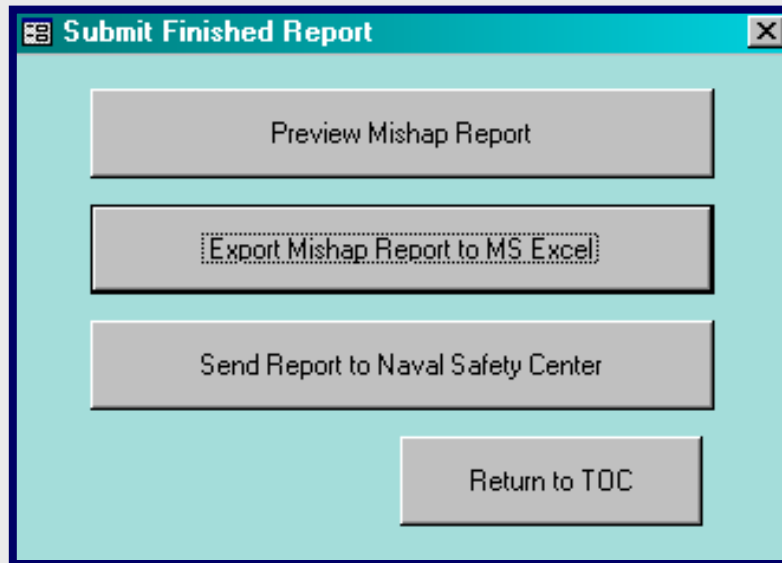
In this example, the report has been edited to show only portions that are relevant to this scenario. The unedited report displays all possible data sections.

The file is automatically named with the report serial number and extension ".txt" This unique filename avoids confusion. It may be saved in Word, WordPad, etc.



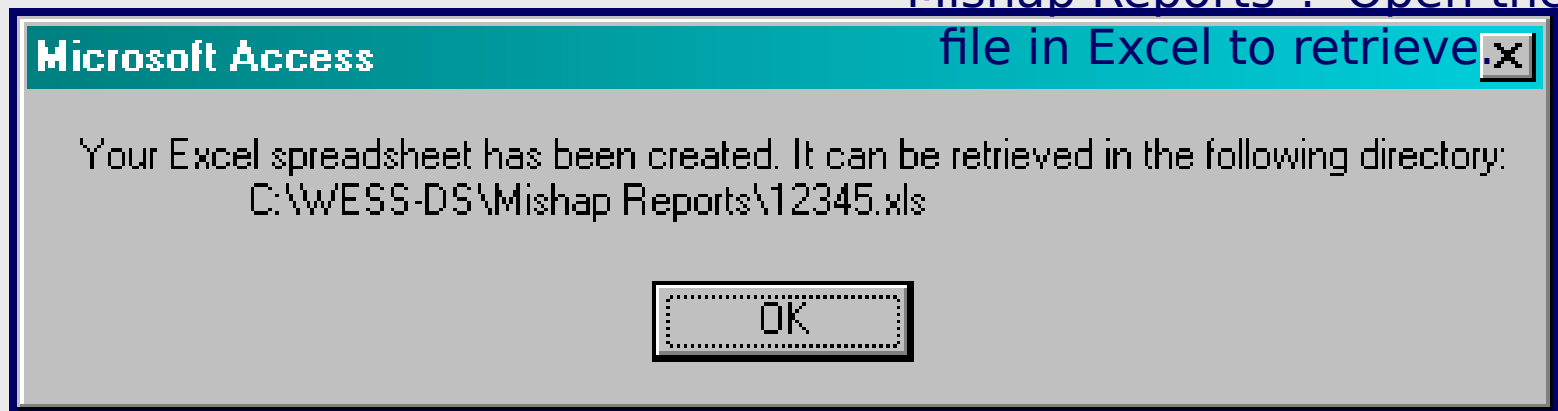


# WESS-DS Report Options – MS Excel

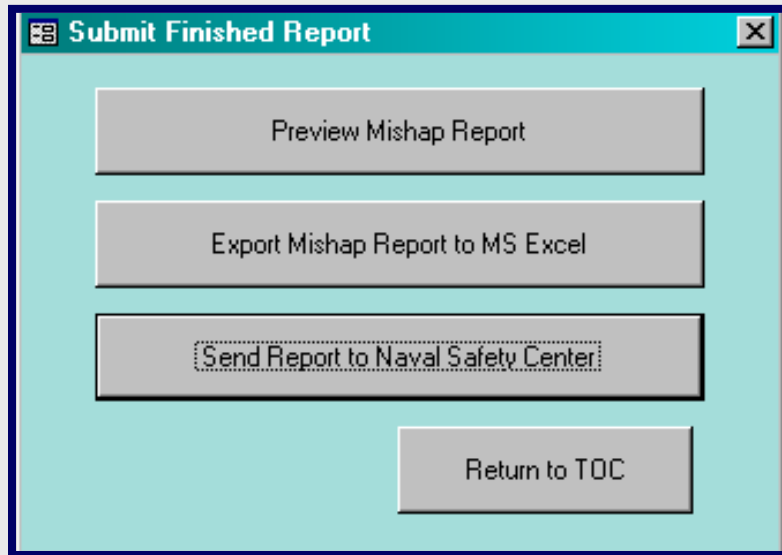


Clicking the Export Report to MS Excel button generates an Excel Spreadsheet containing all of the data elements.

The file is automatically named using the Event Serial number and is saved in a WESS-DS subfolder titled "Mishap Reports". Open the file in Excel to retrieve.



# WESS-DS Report Options – Sending

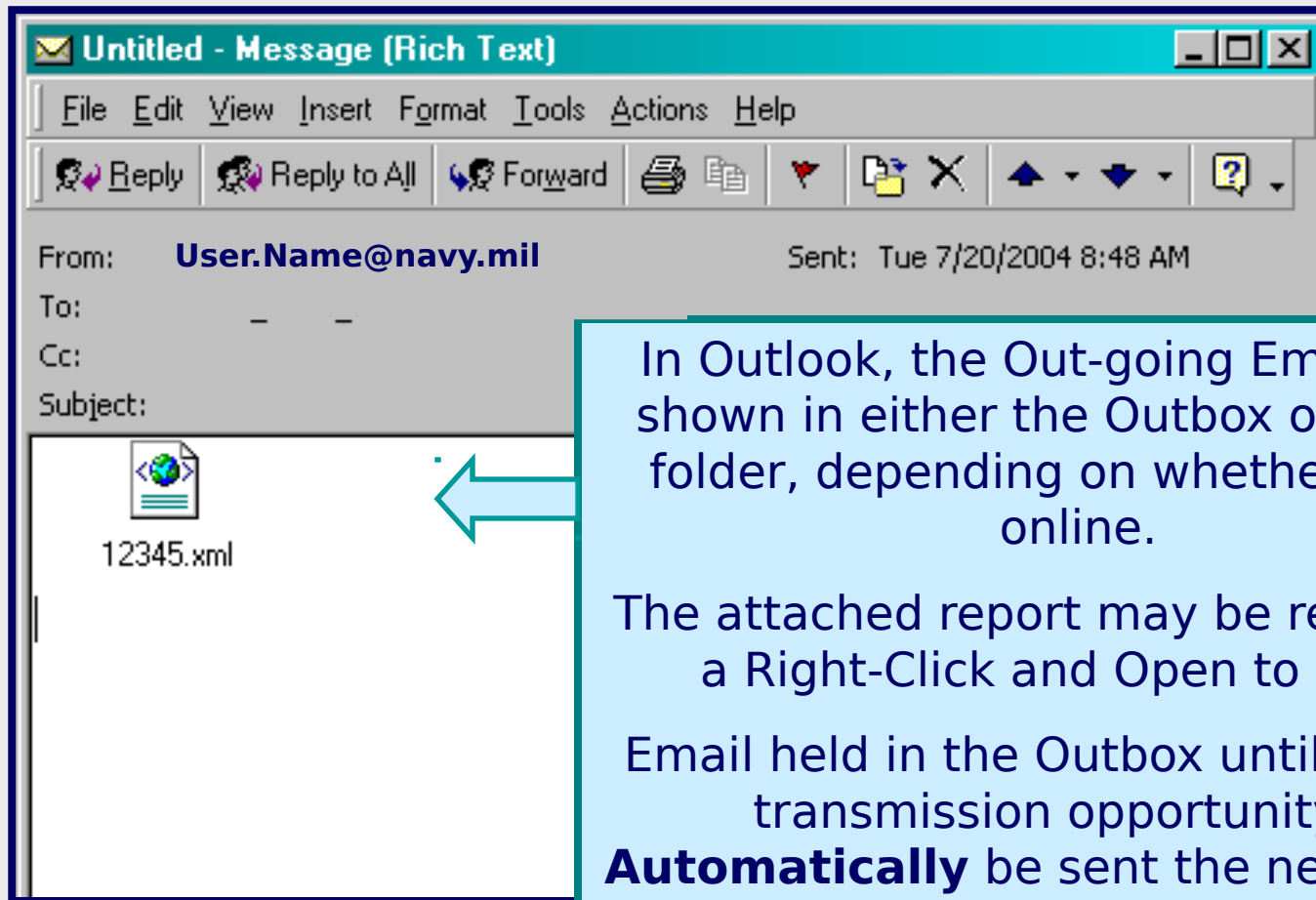


Clicking the **Send Report to NSC** button generates an outgoing EMAIL with the report attached in XML format, automatically named using the Event Serial number.

The Email is either saved in your Outlook **Outbox**, if you are not connected or is Automatically **Sent**, if you are online



# Sending Reports To NAVSAFECEN



In Outlook, the Out-going Email will be shown in either the Outbox or the Sent folder, depending on whether you are online.

The attached report may be reviewed by a Right-Click and Open to verify.

Email held in the Outbox until your next transmission opportunity will **Automatically** be sent the next time the PC is connected on-line.

**Thank You for Submitting your Report**



# Important Notes about WESS-DS

## About WESS-DS and Report Submission

● Each Reporting Command has the authority and responsibility to determine the appropriate routing, review and releasing chain, consistent with it's organizational structure & with higher authority. To ensure your COC is notified of the report, if required, you can:

- Add them to the Email awaiting transmission – or,
- Forward the Sent Email to your Chain of Command

● When a report is sent to the Naval Safety Center, the report record is no longer available for review in WESS-DS. As discussed, an XML text file is retained in the Outlook Sent Folder. Customers should consider **Saving the Report** in Word, Notepad, &/or Excel format for the Injury & Illness Log **before sending**. Files may be saved electronically or hard copy, for record purposes.

● Sharing of Mishap Lessons Learned and Near Miss Events within a **Community of Interest** increases hazard awareness & helps reduce mishaps in similar environments. Though this feature is not automated in WESS-DS, emailing reports to interested parties [**.mil addresses only**] may be used as an alternative. Remove all personal identifiers, e.g. name, SSN, etc. from reports emailed to



# Welcome to WESS-DS

This concludes the User Guide. However should additional assistance be needed:

- ✓ Submit a WESS Help Form at:  
<https://wess.safetycenter.navy.mil/>
- ✓ Submit a Feedback Form from the WESS-DS CD-ROM, or
- ✓ Contact the WESS Help Desk at:  
Coml: 757-444-3520 ext 7048; DSN: 564-3520, ext 7048



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